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SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS SURVIVE QUADHAFI'S SEPT 1 DEADLINE WHILE PRESS BLASTS QADHAFI AS SOVIET STOOGE AND DANGEROUS MEDDLER IN KUWAIT. END SUMMARY.

1. LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. PRESS HEADLINES QADHAFI 7TH ANNIVERSARY STATEMENT THAT HE "WANTS TO CUT OFF RELATIONS" AS HE HAD PROMISED WOULD HAPPEN SEPT 1, BUT THAT HE "ADMITTED THAT LIBYAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT LET HIM. PRESS ALSO REPORTS MEETING BTWEEEN FAHMY AND HEAD OF LIBYAN RELATIONS OFFICE IN CAIRO SEPT 1 FOR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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3. LIBYAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. AHRAM RAN EXCLUSIVE STORY CLAIMING QADHAFI HAS GIVEN ORDERS, ON SOVIET DIRECTION, TO BUILD SERIES OF NEW MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING CONCRETE DEFENSIVE LINE ALONG LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN BORDER, SCOFFINGLY DESCRIBED AS "ON PATTERN OF BAR-LEV LINE." AKHBAR CALLED QADHAFI "SOVIET STOOGE" AND NOTED SOVIET PRESS "GLORIFICATION" OF QADHAFI POLICIES.

4. SEPT REVOLUTION. ACCORDING TO EDITORIALS, EGYPTIANS OBSERVED CELEBRATION OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION AS GESTURE OF APPRECIATION TO TRUE LIBYAN NATIONALISTS. EGYPT WILL NEVER IGNORE LIBYAN PEOPLE DESPITE THEIR LEADERSHIP BY "INSANE RULER WHO DEFAMES HIS COUNTRY." EGYPT HAS "COMPLETE FAITH" THAT LIBYAN PEOPLE WILL "RECTIFY ERRORS AND PUNISH DEVIATORS" AND CORRECT COURSE OF THEIR REVOLUTION. PRESS ALSO REPORTED BBC COMMENTARY THAT, ON ANNIVERSARY OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION, QADHAFI'S HANDS ARE BLOODSTAINED AND MAJORITY OF RCC HAS EITHER BEEN EXPELLED OR LIVING IN EGYPT SIDE BY SIDE WITH EX-KING IDRIS. BBC SAID TO HAVE POINTED OUT LIBYAN DISSATISFACTION WITH QADHAFI'S POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND FAILURE OF SYSTEM OF POPULAR COMMITTEES. RADIO LISTENERS MEANWHILE CONTINUE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TUNE INTO MUHASSHI'S "VOICE OF LIBYAN PEOPLE," INCLUDED IN PROGRAM LISTINGS.

5. KUWAITI CONNECTION. AKHBAR CHAIRMAN SABRI WROTE THAT QADHAFI HAD PAID 450,000 POUNDS TO TWO KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS TO "PROPAGATE HIS CRIMES" AS PART OF SAME "FILTHY GAME" WHICH LED TO DESTRUCTION OF LEBANON. QADHAFI MEEDLING IN KUWAIT TO BRING IT INTO HIS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.
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